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1. WORK IN PLENARY AND SESSIONAL MEETINGS COMPLETED ON SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS AUG 6. CONTACT GROUP ESTABLISHED IN EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THREE RESOLUTIONS (DEVELOPMENT OF MERCHANT MARINES AND FREIGHT RATES INTRODUCED BY GROUP OF 77 AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING TABLED BY GROUP D).

2. OPERATIVE PARAS OF RESOLUTIONS ARE:

A) DEVELOPMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE

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(I) URGES THE COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE OECD TO REVISE THE "UNDERSTANDING ON EXPORT CREDITS FOR SHIPS" TO ALIGN IT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 70(III).

(II) URGES ALSO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO CONSIDER GRANTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON FAVOURABLE TERMS AND GIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE SHIP-BUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRING INDUSTRY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITHIN THE OVER-ALL CONTEXT OF BOTH ESTABLISHED PROJECT CRITERIA AND THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMMES.

(III) FURTHER URGES INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO EXTEND THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES, LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES AND THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE FORMATION OF NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINES AND OF JOINT VENTURE SHIPPING ACTIVITIES BETWEEN LINES, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC, OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE ONE HAND AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER, WHERE THE FORMATION OF SUCH JOINT VENTURES MAY BE CONSIDERED CONSISTENT WITH THE NATIONAL AIMS AND DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

(IV) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO PREPARE FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING A REPORT ON THE WAY IN WHICH FINANCIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHIPS AFFECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MERCHANT MARINES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

(V) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES STATES MEMBERS OF UNCTAD AND TO APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. UNQUOTE

B) FREIGHT RATES

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REQUESTS THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT AT THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF SHIPPING:

A) TO REPORT UPON THE MEASURES TAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS OF STATES MEMBERS OF UNCTAD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 69(III);

B) TO PRESENT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING FREE-IN-AND-OUT (FIO) RATES IN LINER TRADES AND THE IMPLICATIONS THEREOF, REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 69(III); AND

C) TO REPORT ON ANY INSIGHTS INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FREIGHT RATES AND COSTS OF MARITIME TRANSPORT WHICH CAN BE GAINED FROM THE DATA WHICH IT HAS COLLECTED FOR THE STUDY REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 5(B) OR RESOLUTION 16(V).

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C) ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN MERCHANT SHIPPING

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(I) AGREES THAT THE HARMONIZATION OF SHIPPING POLICIES, AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 BELOW, NECESSITATES THE FORMULATION OF GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SHIPPING;

(II) CONSIDERS THAT THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF SHIPPING POLICY ARE BOTH RIPE AND NECESSARY FOR HARMONIZATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT, NON-DISCRIMINATION AND FREEDOM OF SHIPPING, AND REQUESTS THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE EXAMINATION OF THESE SUBJECTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(A) PROMOTION OF SHIPPING;

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(B) TREATMENT OF FOREIGN MERCHANT VESSELS IN PORTS, INCLUDING THE GRANT OF MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION STATUS;

(III) CONSIDERS FURTHER THAT THE FOLLOWING MATTERS OF SHIPPING POLICY ARE ALSO RIPE AND NECESSARY FOR HARMONIZATION:

(A) TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN SHIPPING AND PORTS;

(B) A GENUINE LINK BETWEEN VESSELS AND FLAG OF REGISTRY AND ITS ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING, AND REQUESTS THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO UNDERTAKE AN EXAMINATION OF THESE MATTERS AS SOON AS FEASIBLE WITHIN

THE LIMITS OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES;

(IV) CONSIDERS FURTHER THAT ALTHOUGH SHIPPING AND PORT STATISTICS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE HARMONIZATION OF SHIPPING POLICIES, FURTHER WORK ON THIS SUBJECT BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF A PROJECT FOR THE APPLICATION OF SHIPPING AND PORT STATISTICS, TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE ECAFE REGION, ARE RECEIVED;

(V) REQUESTS THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING TO SUBMIT THE DECISIONS TAKEN ON THIS SUBJECT AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION DIRECTLY TO THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT;

(VI) REQUESTS THE SECRETARIAT IN MAKING THE EXAMINATION CALLED FOR IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES AND THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE.

3. US DEL MADE INTERVENTIONS DURING INTROCUCTION RESOLUTIONS INDICATING OUR OBJECTIONS TO REFERENCE TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND ACTION PROGRAM AND CODE OF CONDUCT IN PREAMBULAR APRAGRAPHS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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PARAS 2A AND C ABOVE BASED ON REFTEL (B) AND US POSITION RE CODE RESPECTIVELY. PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS UNDERWAY IN CONTACT GROUP IS PROCEEDING VERY SLOWLY, WITH US DEL ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ACCEPTABLE DRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH POSITION PAPERS, US MARITIME POLICIES AND REFTEL (A).

4. RESOLUTION URGING EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE CIRCULATED BUT NOT TABLED DUE TO STRONG OBJECTIONS OF MOST GROUP B COUNTRIES. HOW ANY REFERENCE TO CODE WILL BE HANDLED IS STILL IN PROCESS OF RESOLUTION. PLENARY CHAIRMAN HAS STATED PHILIPPINES BECAME FIRST SIGNATORY TO CODE ON AUGUST 2 AND IRAN HAS STATED INTENTION TO DO SO ON AUGUST 7.DALE

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